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Six City Employees Win Rotary Club Vocational Service Awards

Beverly Hills, CA – Six City of Beverly Hills employees have received the 2013 Rotary Club of Beverly Hills Vocational Service Award for outstanding accomplishments in their fields. Fire Department Captain David Perusse, Fire Engineer Charles Ratcliff, Community Development Director Susan Healy Keene, Director of Project Administration Alan Schneider, Police Sergeant Max Subin and Police Detective George Elwell, were recognized Monday at the local Rotary Club annual awards luncheon. In addition, two U.S. Post Office employees received awards.

Perusse is known as a hardworking, highly competent member of the Fire Department team. Among his notable accomplishments is development of the Mobile Oxygen Generation System which ensures that the City is able to create its own medical oxygen for use during a crisis.

Ratcliff has excelled in every fire department assignment since joining Beverly Hills 11 years ago. Among his contributions is serving as master mechanic for the fire department fleet, keeping the apparatus in good working order.

Healy-Keene was chosen because of the positive change she has brought to Beverly Hills since she joined the City in 2009, including an update of the General Plan, the City's first Historic Preservation Ordinance and using the latest online technology to provide more efficient planning services.

Schneider has managed projects for City totaling more than \$180 million during his 31-year career, including some of the most visible City-owned properties such as Crate and Barrel, Whole Foods, The Visitor's Center and Roxbury Park.

Subin received the award for Outstanding Service in the department's Community Relations Bureau, in particular for effectively introducing Social Media which has been instrumental in solving some recent crimes.

Elwell received the award for his outstanding Investigative skills, especially his success in completing a four-year investigation into drug trafficking that involved coordination with multiple local and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Rotary Club Vocational Awards are given annually to individuals who have made a significant impact on advancing vocational service in their field.